

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph that begins on page 8, line 20, as follows:

The case body 23 includes a side wall portion 24 of a generally square cylindrical shape opened rearward of the vehicle, and a bottom wall 25 closing the vehicle's front side of the side wall portion 24. The case body 23 is so arranged that the axial direction of the side wall portion 24 be generally horizontal. The opening plane of the side wall portion 24 is slanted so that the lower side is located forward of the ~~vehicle~~upper side. In the embodiment, more specifically, with respect to the upper wall 24a and the lower wall 24b in the side wall portion 24 ~~confronting~~, which confront each other in the vertical direction, the vehicle's longitudinal dimension of the upper wall 24a is set greater than ~~the counterpart that~~ of the lower wall 24b, so that the upper wall 24a in the side wall portion 24 protrudes rearward ~~of the vehicle~~ relative to the lower wall 24b. In the side wall portion 24, there is formed an insert hole 24c for ~~inserting through~~receiving the end of the later-described inflator body 63, as shown in Figs. 3 and 4. In the bottom wall 25, there are formed insert holes 25a for ~~inserting through~~receiving the later-described bolts 66 of the inflator 62. A recessed section R is formed in the case body 23, and the recessed section R includes a recess that extends between the bottom wall 25 and the upper wall 24a as shown in Fig. 5. The recessed section R generally faces the steering column as shown in Fig. 5.